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Dear Paul,

Glad to get the picture of what I am inclined to think is a very youthful looking wife or a rather mature looking nine year old daughter. They are both beautiful in any event, and we thank you for it. If you were the photographer, you knew when the expressions were just right!

Re Posner, thanks. I'll use his reservation of what you take as that.

I've done a lot of work on his book. It is, without any question in my mind, the most conscientiously dishonest one on the assassination by as uninhibited a shyster as I can imagine who is also a talented con man. The impression he and Trisha made on us was so favorable I'll invited them to Thanksgivining dinner nine months later. They accepted, appared to appreciate the invitation and we heard nothing from them on their intentions not to come. He spent three days here, with unsupervised access to all I have and to our copier and the cheap bastard, with that and my time costing him nothing, did not send me a book as he volunteered he would with the first back from the printer. In retrospect I suppose it as not cheapness. As in some form you'll see. I do not know when but Wrone and McKnight have unedited copies of the rough draft now being edited.

I'be written Wicker and Amrose without response. If you have addresses on any of the others who provided prepub puffery I'll appreciate them and will write them also. It is to me simply astounding that those whose reputations were at stake made not effort to learn if he told the truth about anything.

I'll leave a fat file on that book, more than on any other for the 30th. anniv., and if you can think of anything worthwhile for it I'd like to know. What he did is, I believe, really despicable. He knew what he was doing and did it for the expected reward.

Thanks, but I need nothing else on Failure Analysis now. I am not familiar with the defense side but what they did for the prosecution makes a case that such means should not be permitted in some if not most litigation. It, too, was really dishonest. But can a poor defendant cope with such a prosecution presentation? I think not. Whether it is OK for commercial litigation may be another matter.

You say that the condition of the buller fired at lower velocity was impressive to you. Is that a duplication of how the imagined actual bullet had its velocity reduced? Is it possible that before hitting the wrist, even if it struck nothing in JFK it could have smashed all that ~~write~~ rib without even a microscopic mark as the result? I think not. And if you remember Post Mortem, it did strike bone inside JFK.

Thanks for Elliot page, too.

If Posner told you he handled Hartogs' testimony with care, he meant it other than as you took it. He lied about it, knowing what he was doing. Hartogs swore to the opposite several pages later. I check it and it is so.

Harold

I need no more for the book but for the historical record I'll welcome copies of any checking that if I get them I hope will identify who did it. Thanks and best to you all,